

**Town of China**  
**Warrant for the Annual Town Business Meeting**

To Julie Finley, a resident of the Town of China, County of Kennebec and State of Maine:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of China qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the China Middle School in said Town of China on Saturday, the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, A.D. 2015 at 9:00 o'clock in the morning to elect a moderator to preside at said meeting and to vote on town issues.

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. Shall the town entertain a presentation up to five minutes each from the **China Comprehensive Plan Thurston Park II Committee** and the **China Enhanced Library and Community Services Committee** representatives regarding the progress of proposed implementation of the China Comprehensive Plan as it relates to each respective Committee?

Select Board Recommends: YES

Article 3. Shall the Town entertain a presentation up to five minutes from **FIRSTPARK** representatives?

Select Board Recommends: YES

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to exceed the property tax levy limit of \$1,475,097.00 established for China by State Law (**LD#1**) in the event that the municipal budget approved under the following articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than the current property tax levy limit. (The request would only be driven by voter approved increases in the proposed budgetary numbers and extraordinary circumstances outside the control of the municipal legislative body; in this particular case, the potential reduction in the traditional and expected State subsidies (Revenue Sharing, Homestead Exemptions, Excise Taxes on Commercial Vehicles, and the BETE program) to China.) The amount noted above will be the new core municipal commitment going forward.

Select Board Recommends: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Article 5. **Tax Increment Financing:** Shall the voters of the Town of China designate a municipal tax increment financing district pursuant to Title 30-A Chapter 206 of the Maine Revised Statutes to be known as the "Town of China Central Maine Power/China Lake Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District" (the District) in accordance with the resolution approved by the Board of Selectmen on February 9, 2015 attached hereto, and adopt the Development Program for such District as presented to the Town Meeting and further to:

1. Appropriate the revenues received in FY2015-35 from the Central Maine Power/China Lake Tax Increment Financing District And Development Program into a fund designated as the **Development Program Fund** to be used for projects, loans and/or grants for economic development within the Town as outlined in the Development Program for the District to be expended on such projects at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen, and
2. Authorize the Select Board to make expenditures in the 2015-2016 fiscal year and thereafter from the TIF generated revenues for the following purposes?

Administration:	\$6,000.00
FirstPark:	\$37,923.00
CRLA:	\$15,000.00
China Community Days:	\$2,500.00
Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce Dues:	\$650.00

**Description:** The proposed Town of China Central Maine Power/China Lake Municipal Development and Tax Increment Financing District (the District) would consist of acres located in four distinct districts, described as follows: the first encompassing Central Maine Power transmission power line corridor, the second includes the causeway, the third includes the area around the Town Office and the fourth includes the South China boat landing. Each of the districts is depicted in the application. The development program for the District proposes to provide financial support to a number of Town economic development projects and programs. The percentage of new taxes to be captured by the Town if the proposed 20-year program is approved is 100% for years 1-20. The proposed TIF Work Plan is attached.

Select Board Recommends:            YES  
 Budget Committee Recommends:    YES

- Article 6. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and of appropriate for **Administration and Administration Other** expenses.

Select Board Recommends:	<b>Administration</b>	\$367,427
	<b>Administration Other</b>	\$102,400
Budget Committee Recommends:	<b>Administration</b>	\$367,427
	<b>Administration Other</b>	\$102,400

- Article 7. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and or appropriate for **Planning Board Expenses, Maine Municipal Association Dues, Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce Dues, and the Kennebec Valley Council of Governments;** any remaining balance in the Planning Board budget at the end of the fiscal year to lapse to a Planning Board Account of the Reserve Fund, the funds in which may be used upon a majority vote of a quorum of the Select Board for

Planning Board Operations; said Planning Board Account to be capped at \$8,000.00.

Select Board Recommends:

<b>Planning Board Expenses</b>	\$2,363
<b>Maine Municipal Association Dues</b>	\$4,800
<b>Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce Dues</b>	\$650
<b>Kennebec Valley Council of Governments</b>	\$6,917

Budget Committee Recommends:

<b>Planning Board Expenses</b>	\$2,363
<b>Maine Municipal Association Dues</b>	\$4,800
<b>Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce Dues</b>	\$650
<b>Kennebec Valley Council of Governments</b>	\$6,917

Article 8. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and or appropriate for the **Municipal Capital and Equipment Account of the Reserve Fund** (established for the purpose of major capital repairs and purchasing and/or repairing vehicles to be used for snow plowing, grading, transfer station operations, and other public purposes), the funds in which may be used upon a majority vote of a quorum of the Select Board, and these appropriated funds to be combined with the funds presently in said Reserve Fund (\$135,141 as of 06/30/2014) and to be designated Municipal Capital and Equipment Account of the Reserve Fund (said purpose noted above).

Select Board Recommends: \$75,000  
(\$15,000 from Unassigned Fund Balance)

Budget Committee Recommends: \$75,000  
(\$15,000 from Unassigned Fund Balance)

Article 9. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Contracted **Assessing** and **Legal Services**; any remaining balance in the legal budget the end of the fiscal year to lapse into the Legal Account of the Reserve Fund, the funds in which may be used upon a majority vote of a quorum of the Select Board for legal services.

Select Board Recommends: **Assessing Services** \$47,500  
**Legal Services** \$12,500

Budget Committee Recommends: **Assessing Services** \$47,500  
**Legal Services** \$12,500

Article 10. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for **Computer Hardware and Software** for the Town Office.

Select Board Recommends: \$23,000

Budget Committee Recommends: \$23,000

Article 11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Police Services** and **Animal Control Officer Services** to include supplies and vehicle maintenance in support of services.

Select Board Recommends: \$28,881  
 Budget Committee Recommends: \$28,881

Article 12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and or appropriate for the **Volunteer Fire Departments, China Rescue and PSAP (E-911 Call Answering)** and **Dispatch Services** to be allocated in the following manner; any remaining balance in any department at the end of the fiscal year to lapse into the Reserve Account for the Respective Department/Service in the Reserve Fund, the fund in which may be used upon a majority vote of a quorum of the Select Board; to be used for operating expenses only:

	Amount Requested:	Select Board Recommends:		Budget Committee Recommends:	
<b>South China VFD</b>	\$21,000	\$21,000		\$21,000	
<b>China Village VFD</b>	\$22,000	\$22,000		\$22,000	
<b>Weeks Mills VFD</b>	\$15,550	\$15,550		\$15,550	
<b>Weeks Mills VFD Building Reserve</b>	\$6,200	\$6,200	UDFB*	\$6,200	UDFB*
		SB shall consider Equity Position		SB shall consider Equity Position	
<b>China Rescue</b>	\$19,750	\$13,000		\$13,000	
		\$6,000 From Rescue Reserve		\$6,000 From Rescue Reserve	
<b>PSAP/E-911 Calls</b>	\$20,449	\$20,449		\$20,449	
<b>Dispatching Service</b>	\$27,079	\$27,079		\$27,079	
<b>Totals:</b>	\$132,028	\$131,278		\$131,278	
* from Undesignated/Unassigned Fund Balance					

Article 13. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Fire Department Capital Equipment Account of the Reserve Fund**, the funds in which may be used upon a majority vote of a quorum of the Select Board for fire departments' capital purchases or major capital repairs, e.g. SCBA Equipment, Capital Improvements/Repairs to Vehicles, etc.; the Select Board shall require equity positions associated with capital expenditures, singularly or collectively above \$2,500.

Select Board Recommends: \$6,000  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$6,000

Article 14. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Insurance and Unemployment Compensation Premiums and Emergency Services Insurance.**

Select Board Recommends: **Insurance and Unemployment Compensation Premiums** \$274,138  
**Emergency Services Insurance** \$15,982  
Budget Committee Recommends: **Insurance and Unemployment Compensation Premiums** \$274,138  
**Emergency Services Insurance** \$15,982

Article 15. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and or appropriate for **payment on the debt (principal & interest) incurred on the purchase of the Town's China Rescue Vehicle.**

Select Board Recommends: \$17,000  
(\$5,000 from Unassigned Fund Balance)  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$17,000  
(\$5,000 from Unassigned Fund Balance)

Article 16. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Solid Waste Disposal/China Transfer Station Operations.**

Select Board Recommends: \$273,074  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$273,074

Article 17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and or appropriate for **Road Maintenance**; highways, bridges & gravel roads, paving, and winter road maintenance and to further authorize the Select Board to expend a portion of the appropriated/raised amount prior to the beginning of the 2014/2015 fiscal year or carry-forward remaining amounts as of 06/30/2014 as they deem to be in the best interest of the Town of China.

Select Board Recommends: \$697,010 (\$54,200 from highway grant & \$642,810 from excise taxes)  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$697,010 (\$54,200 from highway grant & \$642,810 from excise taxes)

Article 18. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Street Signs and Street Lights** (monthly/annual CMP kw/hr. fees).

Select Board Recommends: **Street Signs** \$2,500

	<b>Street Lights</b>	\$7,000
Budget Committee Recommends:	<b>Street Signs</b>	\$2,500
	<b>Street Lights</b>	\$7,000

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to earmark the balance, after administration expenses, of the **Snowmobile Registration Tax Refund** from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to the China Four Seasons Club. The cost allocated to administration is not to exceed \$3.00 per snowmobile.

Board Recommends:	YES
Budget Committee Recommends:	YES

Article 20. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for **Recreation** and to have any remaining balance in the current budget lapse into the Recreation Account of the Reserve Fund, the funds in which may be used upon a majority vote of a quorum of the Select Board for Recreational Capital Needs/Activities/Programs said Recreation Account to be capped at \$15,000.

Select Board Recommends:	\$23,950
Budget Committee Recommends:	\$23,950

Article 21. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Welfare Account**.

Board Recommends:	\$14,500
Budget Committee Recommends:	\$14,500

Article 22. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **China Historical Society** toward the cost of utilities and repairs for the Old Town Meeting House and for Historical Society Outreach Programs.

Board Recommends:	\$6,000
Budget Committee Recommends:	\$6,000

Article 23. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **South China Library** and the **Albert Church Brown Library**.

Select Board Recommends:	<b>South China Library</b>	\$3,000
	<b>Albert Church Brown Library</b>	\$3,000
Budget Committee Recommends:	<b>South China Library</b>	\$3,000
	<b>Albert Church Brown Library</b>	\$3,000

Article 24. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following **Social Service and Non-Profit Agencies**:

Select Board	Budget Committee
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	Recommends:	Recommends:
Family Violence	\$2,000	\$2,000
KVCAP Demand Response Transport	\$545	\$545
Spectrum Generations	\$2,276	\$2,276
Kennebec Behavioral Health	\$2,000	\$2,000
Children's Center	\$1,500	\$1,500
Sexual Assault Crisis & Support	\$1,437	\$1,437
Waterville Boys & Girls Club	\$1,000	\$1,000
Hospice Volunteers of Waterville Area	\$1,650	\$1,650
The Life Flight Foundation	\$750	\$750
MPBN	\$100	\$100
The Town Line	\$3000	\$3000
American Red Cross	\$500	\$500
	<u>\$16,758</u>	<u>\$16,758</u>

Article 25. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the **Kennebec Valley Humane Society**.

Select Board Recommends: \$6,982  
 Budget Committee Recommends: \$6,982

Article 26. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of maintaining **Cemeteries** and for **Memorial Day and Veterans Grave Marker expenses**; said money for grave marker expenses to be divided equally between the China and South China Legion Posts and to further authorize the Select Board to repurchase and resell Cemetery lots within existing cemeteries as they deem to be in the best interest of the Town of China, said authority to continue unless rescinded by voters.

Select Board Recommends: Cemeteries \$23,600  
 Grave Marker Expenses \$950  
 Budget Committee Recommends: Cemeteries \$23,600  
 Grave Marker Expenses \$950

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to establish two (2) **Tax Payment Due Dates** to be September 30, 2015 and March 31, 2016 and to charge an **Interest Rate** of seven percent (7.0%) per annum after each tax payment due date, with interest to be calculated daily at the rate of 0.00019178082 for each day or fraction thereof that each payment is overdue; and to further see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell and convey by Warranty Deed or Quit Claim Deed tax acquired properties and to execute Waiver of Foreclosure documents as determined to be in the best interests of the Town of China, said authority to continue unless rescinded by voters, and to further authorize the tax collector or treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506.

Select Board Recommends: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Unassigned Fund Balance an amount not to exceed \$55,000 for the purpose of using these funds as the required **matching funds in successful Grant Applications** and to further authorize the Selectmen to apply for and accept funds from the State of Maine, Federal Government, and any other duly authorized authority.

Select Board Recommends: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Article 29. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and or appropriate for **Lake Restoration** expenses and to further authorize the Select Board to expend a portion of the raised/appropriated amount prior to the beginning of the 2015/2016 fiscal year as they deem to be in the best interest of the Town of China. (Any proposed expenditure to advance an interest in real property is to have prior Select Board approval.)

Select Board Recommends: \$30,000

Budget Committee Recommends: \$30,000

Article 30. To see if the Town will appropriate an amount not to exceed \$45,000 from the overlay and or unassigned fund balance to serve as a **Contingency Fund** to be spent by the Select Board on unanticipated expenses and emergencies and to avoid overdrafts that may occur during this fiscal year.

Select Board Recommends: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Article 31. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and or appropriate for the purpose of funding **China Community Days** events and to allow any remaining balance to lapse into the China Community Days account of the reserve fund at the end of the fiscal year; the funds in which may be used upon a majority vote of a quorum of the Select Board, and said appropriation to become available in the current fiscal budget year.

Select Board Recommends: \$2,500 (From Unassigned Fund Balance)

Budget Committee Recommends: \$2,500 (From Unassigned Fund Balance)

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$2,700 from Unassigned Fund Balance for the purpose of preserving the **Historical Records** in the Town of China.

Select Board Recommends: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an amount not to exceed \$1,094 for the purpose of compensating the **Town Health Officer** for services provided.

Select Board Recommends: YES

Budget Committee Recommends: YES

Article 34. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate from Unassigned Fund Balance for the purpose of adding to the **Unfunded Accrued Compensated Balance Reserve Account in the Fund Balance/ Designated Fund Balance** to finance the unfunded accrued compensated balances of the Town.

Select Board Recommends: \$5,000 (From Unassigned Fund Balance)

Budget Committee Recommends: \$5,000 (From Unassigned Fund Balance)

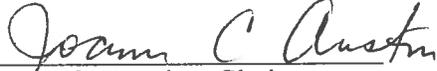
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Select Board Recommends: YES  
Budget Committee Recommends: YES

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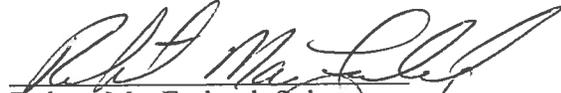
Select Board Recommends: \$5,000 (From Unassigned Fund Balance)  
Budget Committee Recommends: \$5,000 (From Unassigned Fund Balance)

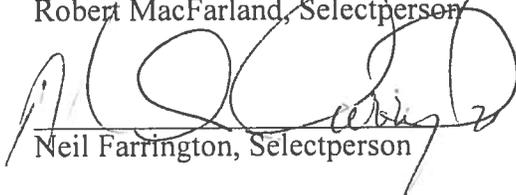
Given under our hands this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, AD 2015

  
Joann C. Austin - Chairperson

  
Amber McAllister, Selectperson

  
Irene L. Belanger, Selectperson

  
Robert MacFarland, Selectperson

  
Neil Farrington, Selectperson